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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON  
MARCH 16, 2015  
S.B. 1177, S.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Ito and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 1177, S.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services provides the following comments.

To preserve the tax exempt status for the State's general obligation bonds, the responsibilities of these four positions need to be directly related to the purpose and mission of the works of art special fund. If the funding for these positions from the works of art special fund is supplanting general funds, the tax exempt status of the general obligation bonds could be adversely affected resulting in possibly higher borrowing costs.

To ensure that the tax exempt status is not affected, we suggest that the following language be added to the end of Section 2 at line 10: "provided that duties and responsibilities of each position must be directly related to the purpose and mission of the works of art special fund."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this measure.



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S. B. 1177 SD 1

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Ito and members of the committee, I am Jonathan Johnson,  
executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and I am  
pleased to provide comments on SB 1177 SD1.

We are aware that this is a no growth year and departments are not  
requesting positions. Therefore, this response is based on the premise put forth  
in this bill that additional staffing will address some of the concerns outlined in  
the management audit of 2014.

The effective tracking and collection of one percent funds would be  
supported by adding staff in our agency's fiscal administration and Art in Public  
Places Program.

Two arts program specialist positions in Art in Public Places would enable  
the SFCA to be more responsive in meeting the demand for works of art projects  
in new State construction, arts education services and access to arts  
programming, particularly for underserved areas of our state

If it is the desire of the Legislature, we suggest reinstating positions that  
were abolished largely due to vacancies. All proposed positions would be funded  
by the Works of Art Special Fund within the projected biennium budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on this matter.